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GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY HELD FOR SENIOR CITIZENS' HOUSING

by Mary Lou Williamson

More than 50 people gathered at the Ridge Road Center to witness and take part in the ceremonial groundbreaking for Greenbelt's housing for the elderly last Sunday afternoon, December 18. The Rev. Kenneth Buker, a council meeting regular, gave the invocation.

Mayor Richard R. Pilski welcomed the group. "It is fitting that we are ready to start this building as we celebrate Greenbelt's 40th anniversary," he said. "Greenbelt began as a plan to provide decent, comfortable and affordable housing for people of moderate means. 'Now we are beginning again to do the same for a segment of our population — our senior citizens.' He commended the dedication and determination of the city council and senior citizens. "They'll make it work!" he stated.

James K. Giese, city manager, who made the introductions and commented from time to time, struck a note of happy optimism for the project which has taken so much of his time, especially during the past few months. We have "pledged our souls to CDA (Community Development Administration) and also our money," he joked as he called on CDA's Director Thomas Cook. Cook agreed that "we have extracted a left arm and a right leg from the city of Greenbelt in commitment, but this was necessary. We could almost construct the building with the papers we have signed. CDA, your friendly local lender," he continued, is financially responsible for the successful completion of the building and its operation during the entire mortgage period — 40 years. "We have now over \$135 million loaned out (across the state for all types of housing) for persons of limited income," Cook told the audience. "We are providing 2300 dwelling units for senior citizens." He complimented Greenbelters for their "long and proud tradition of people working together towards a better community." He remarked on the complexities of the many levels of government — federal, state, county, city, 2 mayors and city councils —

working together to bring the project to fruition.

"We (CDA) will help to ensure that it's done right and is a livable place to be over the entire life of the building. My door is open, if you need help," he concluded.

"If you've noticed that the building is not too comfortable, the air is a little cool and the bunting is off center," said Giese, "let me tell you that we almost didn't have any light." Pepco, though told to come on Monday, apparently tried to make-up for delaying excavation of the addition to the municipal building last spring. Their workmen arrived Friday and cut the wires. City staff had to call Pepco back. "This building — the Ridge Road Center," Giese went on to say, "will be coming down in a few days."

Plaudits

State Senator Edward T. Conroy commended Greenbelt on its project, the first elderly housing in the state to be undertaken by a municipality. Out of 150 towns and cities, Greenbelt has again led the way. "I applaud you!"

County Councilman Frank Casula said, "This is another milestone for Prince Georges County. This is the second senior citizens facility in my district. Attick Towers was the first. A third is being planned between Laurel and Bowie on Route 197."

"The symbol of what we are doing here is more important than the words," proclaimed councilman Gil Weidenfeld. "This is the symbol of what Greenbelt's all about; dedication to a better quality of life for all its citizens."

"I'm very proud to be here, this is the first project I've seen go into construction. I'm proud to be a part of it," said councilman Richard Castaldi.

Everyone gets a turn digging in the rain. Ground breaking for Greenbelt's elderly housing facility took place Sunday, Dec. 18, behind the Ridge Road Center, 22 Ridge Road. Diggers are (from left): Jose Morales, Chm. Elderly Housing Advisory Comm.; Rev. Kenneth Buker; Charles T. McDonald; State Senator Edward T. Conroy; County Councilman Frank Casula; Otilie Van Allen; Councilman Richard Castaldi; Councilman Gil Weidenfeld; Thomas Cook, Dir. of CDA; Mayor Richard Pilski; City Manager James K. Giese; James Smith, Pres. GHI; Emmett H. Nanna, City Solicitor.

Photo Credit: City of Greenbelt: Thomas Freeman.

State Funds Greenbelt Elderly Housing Project

Immediate construction of 100 one-bedroom housing units, 25 of which have been specially designed for the handicapped, has been approved for the elderly in Greenbelt by the Maryland Department of Economic and Community Development.

Construction and permanent financing for the project, located at 22 Ridge Road, will be provided by the Department's Community Development Administration. The \$3.3 million financing will come from a sale of Community Development Administration (CDA) tax-exempt bonds, which will be repaid from proceeds of the project rather than from tax revenues as with general obligation bonds. The department pointed out that the tax-exempt status of the CDA bonds, along with a Federal Section 8 rent subsidy, will enable the housing development's tenants to pay substantially less for their rents than otherwise.

The mortgage will be insured by the Maryland Housing Fund, another Department of Economic and Community Development agency, which insures mortgages for multi-family projects as well as individual homes.

The Greenbelt Senior Citizens Housing development will be built by the Thomas P. Harkins Co. of Silver Spring and will be owned and managed by the City of Greenbelt.

Councilman Charles Schwan, noticing that everything had already been said, claimed he was not prepared to give a speech. He recalled working on a Greenbelt Homes, Inc. elderly housing committee 15 years ago. "That project died a-borning. Jim Cassels kept the idea alive all this time. All of us have to bow in his direction."

And Also Present

In closing, Giese mentioned other Greenbelters, most of whom were in the audience: Anthony Madden, president of the Golden Age Club during the time of the city referendum in 1974; Councilman Tom White, who was ill and could not be present; members of the Elderly Housing Committee—Jose Morales, Madeline Greene, Irma Tetzloff, Otilie Van Allen, and Jim Cassels. Others involved in the project who were present included: Dan Hertz, CDA's trouble shooter for the Greenbelt project; Jennifer Alpern, city consultant on elderly housing; architect Steve Parker; Harkins Construction representative, Dick Lombardi.

Lombardi had provided red and white hard hats for the official pictures. Refreshments included a large sheet cake decorated with a replica of the city logo.



CAPITOL HILL CONFERENCE — Congresswoman Gladys Noon Spellman, second from left, chats with a happy group following her announcement of federal funding for a pedestrian bridge over the Baltimore-Washington Parkway near Eleanor Roosevelt High School. With Mrs. Spellman are, from the left, Richard Ogden, Roosevelt principal; Mrs. Muriel Weidenfeld of the school's PTSA; Howard Savage, Roosevelt PTSA safety chairman; James Giese, Greenbelt city manager, Mayor Richard Pilski and Councilman Thomas White.

Parkway Overpass Will Be Built, Says Spellman

by Elaine Skolnik

Congresswoman Gladys Spellman's Chanukah-Christmas gift to Greenbelters was an announcement on December 14 that U. S. Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams assured her that "funds appropriated for reconstruction of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway are available for construction of the overpass," and that "the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will advance the work as rapidly as possible."

It was only six weeks ago at the county executive's Town Meeting that Rep. Spellman first learned of Greenbelt's concern that students have been crossing the Baltimore-Washington Parkway to walk to and from Eleanor Roosevelt High School. At that time she assured Howard Savage, ERHS Safety Committee Chairman (PTSA) and city officials that she would monitor the problem closely until a positive solution was achieved.

In early November she met with representatives of the State Highway Administration (SHA), FHWA, and the National Park Service (NPS) to brief them on the need for quick action to avert a tragedy. Additionally, she alerted Sec. Adams to the problem.

Although there were jurisdictional matters to be resolved, the agencies worked together to reach a solution. Throughout their deliberations, there was optimism and agreement that the students and residents living in east and west Greenbelt needed a safe means of crossing the highway as soon as possible.

Meeting

Several Greenbelters were in the Congresswomen's Lounge in the Capitol when Rep. Spellman made her announcement. She said she was pleased by the responsiveness of the agencies and the speed with which they expedited her request. "This is a perfect example," she said, "of bureaucracy working for the interests of the people." She hoped that the overpass would be completed in time for the 1978-79 school year.

The Federal Highway's Region 15 office in Arlington, Virginia will design and supervise construction of the project. There will also be a meeting of Greenbelt officials and interested citizens relating to the kind of structure that will be built and its location.

Concern was also expressed about safety measures that could be taken until the overpass is constructed. Rep. Spellman suggested that students at ERHS be involved in the search for interim solutions. Principal Ray Ogden thought a meeting could be arranged in mid-January.

Attending the meeting from Greenbelt were Mayor Richard Pilski, Councilman Thomas White, City Manager James K. Giese, Howard Savage, Roosevelt PTSA Safety Chmn, Muriel Weidenfeld and Charles Straw, attorney for Greenbriar Associates. Also Sgt. James Tuck of the Greenbelt National Park, Slade Caltrider, District Engineer of SHA, and representatives of Transportation, FHWA, NPS were in attendance.

Compliments Spellman

Del. Gerard F. Devlin (D-PG), one of Greenbelt's representatives to the General Assembly, has hailed the announcement of Rep. Gladys Noon Spellman (D-Md.) that U.S. Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams has agreed to authorize the construction of a walkway over the Baltimore-Washington Parkway as the "best news in a long time for Greenbelters and their elected officials."

Devlin said that when he heard the news all he could say was: "God bless you Gladys for a most welcome holiday gift."

State and local officials along with the Greenbelt City Council have been pressing for a walkway ever since the opening of the new Eleanor Roosevelt High School but have been stymied because this section of the Baltimore Washington Parkway is under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government.

"Once again Gladys has gone to bat for Greenbelt and hit the ball out of the park," Devlin said.

Holiday Refuse Schedule

Due to the upcoming Christmas and New Year's Holidays, the following changes have been made in the refuse collection schedule for those weeks:

- Monday, Dec. 26 & Jan. 2 - No collection
- Tuesday, Dec. 27 & Jan. 3 - Mon-Wed-Fri. Route
- Wednesday, Dec. 28 & Jan. 4 - Tues-Thurs-Sat. Route
- Thursday, Dec. 29 & Jan. 5 - Paper collection - both routes
- Friday, Dec. 30 & Jan. 6 - Regular collections
- Saturday, Dec. 31 & Jan. 7 - Regular collections

Employment Centers Travel the County

Prince Georges County has instituted Mobile Employment Service Centers. The purpose of the roving centers is concentration on available on-the-job training and youth employment services.

The program is jointly sponsored by the County's Personnel Office and the Maryland State Dept. of Human Resources. According to County Executive Winfield Kelly, "the vans will be utilized to bring information and services available through the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act directly to our residents who need it most."

Sing at the Center

All students at Greenbelt Center Elementary School will be participating in the holiday presentation at the Center on Friday, December 23 beginning at 9:45 in the morning. A medley of holiday songs has been prepared for the enjoyment of parents and community members.



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The New Three R's of Greenbelt Homes

by Sid Kastner

The staff of Greenbelt Homes Inc. has been directing its efforts toward what might be termed the new three R's: Rehabilitation, Refueling and Refinancing. Some details of these, motivating the proposals offered at Thursday's board meeting, may be of interest to our readers.

A demographic survey by GHI's consultants projects that over 47% (760 families) of its members have annual incomes less than \$15,000, with about 14% (220 families) earning less than \$8,000. Almost a quarter (23.4%) of GHI families pay over 35% of their income for housing costs, though the federal government guideline is 25%. Further, the majority of low-income families are found in the frame units, which are just those needing the most rehabilitation work; thus those members that can least afford to pay more may have, potentially, the greatest increase in monthly charges. For this reason - and partly also because outside lending institutions will probably require increased collateral for rehabilitation loans to GHI - the staff recommended re-allocation of the prospective Community Development Block Grant subsidy to "concentrate it more with lower-income members."

The staff's general concept is that the grant money would be placed in an escrow account to serve as an interest-free loan source for eligible GHI members. For example, if a member were required to pay \$30 per month in payments on a rehabilitation loan, this amount would be drawn from the escrow account, and would be regarded as an interest-free loan to be repaid upon sale of the member's home. Presumably, the value of the home after rehabilitation would be sufficiently increased to reimburse the escrow fund. The staff further envisages that money remaining in the escrow fund, after full amortization (repayment) of rehabilitation loans, would be available to GHI for use in future similar programs.

On the subject of "Refueling", the staff has come up with quite a bold alternative to fossil fuel (oil), namely the use of compacted trash as a fuel to be burned in high-temperature ovens. The main incentive for considering such a change appears to be the fact that GHI's present basic heating system is about forty years old and may have only ten years of useful life left. Further advantages would be freedom from fluctuating fuel oil costs and shortages, and a centralized, easily maintained system as compared to the "far-flung" heating system now in use. The staff quoted an estimate from a current designer of such waste compaction/incineration systems that GHI could save about \$500,000 per year in fuel oil costs at today's prices.

Of course, searching questions and some criticism met this somewhat startling proposal at the meeting, a natural reaction from those carrying responsibility for the corporation's future. It is interesting to note, however, that the concept was listened to intently and apparently given serious consideration by everyone present. This may be a measure of how far we have come toward opening our minds to new solutions for the long-standing problems.

OPEN LETTER

The following letter was sent to County Executive Winfield Kelly and County Council Chairman William Amonett.

On behalf of the members of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club I am urging you to select as the optimum alternative for the E Route Metroline, that alternative listed as E-Max that is the modified alignment with terminus at the Beltway in Greenbelt Maryland. A resolution expressing this feeling was passed unanimously at our regular meeting of November 1, 1977.

As you know, the E & FDC is an extremely active organization serving the needs of interested, community conscious individuals in the third, sixth, eighth, ninth and eleventh Precincts of the 21st election district in Northern Prince Georges County.

We cannot emphasize too strongly the feeling of the club and the total Greenbelt community in favoring the ARS alignment. Likewise we cannot emphasize too strongly the strength of commitment to full Metro rapid rail service to northern Prince Georges County along this preferred alignment. The community wants it, the alternative analysis supports it. And your decision should confirm it.

Please, do not regard this communication as an idle wish of an organization with nothing better to do. Our membership and the community that our active civic leaders represent attach extreme importance to this transportation facility and the positive impact it will have on northern Prince Georges County in the years to come. Your positive response as a supporter of full Metro Rail Service to northern Prince Georges County utilizing the E-Max Alternative will be appreciated.

Charles G. Sokol, President

THANKS

To the Editor:

Now that I am home after my stay in the hospital and convalescent home due to injuries from a fall last August, I would again like to thank everyone who contributed to my recovery with kind thoughts, cards, visits and prayers. A very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year to all my many good friends.

Gertrude Turpen

Thanking Jim Cassels

To the Editor:

With regard to senior citizen housing, in language associated with manned space travel, it would appear that, "All systems are go."

Many will derive satisfaction from this. Some may take pride in the respective parts they played to help make it possible. All should be grateful to Jim Cassels, who, more than anyone else, is responsible for where we are.

At least from the time that the GHI effort was aborted 15 years ago, Jim has labored to bring about housing for senior citizens in Greenbelt. The faith - even the hope - of others may have wavered, but not Jim's. He kept the idea alive.

Jim did not do it all alone - just more than anyone else. There is plenty of room for self-satisfaction and self-congratulation for many another, but we may have to pass an ordinance to persuade the almost unbelievably modest and selfless Jim Cassels to take the largest share of both.

Charles F. Schwan

Christmas at Holy Cross

The members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church invite their friends and neighbors to celebrate the Christmas season with them at special services this weekend.

On Sat., Dec. 24, the traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held at 10 p.m. Pre-service music (the brass choir, instrumentalists and vocalists) will begin at 9:30 p.m. The message will be delivered by the Rev. Daniel Pokorny, Chaplain, Gallaudet College. He will also interpret the service for the deaf.

On Sun., Dec. 25, the Christmas Festival Services with Holy Communion will be conducted at 8:30 and 11:15 a.m. The Christmas message "Ponder Awhile" will be delivered by the Rev. Edward H. Birner, pastor of Holy Cross. At 9:50 a.m., a movie entitled "Miracle in Toyland" will be shown.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church is located at 6905 Greenbelt Road. For information, call 345-5111 or 474-9200

Mishkan Torah News

Rabbi Kenneth Berger of Mishkan Torah will discuss the problems of Jews in Quebec on Friday, Dec. 23, at 8 p.m. Interested persons are invited.

"Ask the Rabbi" will be the topic of discussion at the Mishkan Torah on Fri., Dec. 30, at 8 p.m. Rabbi Kenneth Berger will field the questions. Interested persons are invited.

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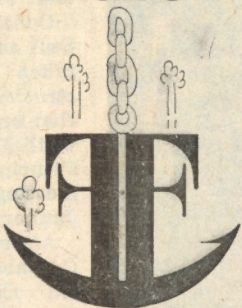
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(Nursery at 2-B Hillside)

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CHRISTMAS MASSES

December 24 - 6:00 P.M. (Children's Liturgy)

7:30 P.M. (Quiet Mass)

12:00 Midnight

December 25 - 8:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M., 12:30 P.M.

CONFESSIONS

December 23 - 7:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

December 24 - 11:00 A.M. to 12 Noon

3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

December 31 - 6:00 P.M.

January 1 - 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M., 12:30 P.M., 6:00 P.M.

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Come and celebrate the holy days and the holidays of Christmas
with your friends and neighbors.

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Greenbelters Explore Demographic Study, Alternatives with L. Kreimer

by Barbara Likowski

Lesley Kreimer, member of Prince Georges County Board of Education from District 2 (including Greenbelt) met informally with interested citizens on Saturday morning, December 10 to talk over proposed changes in the school board's busing policy. Because the *News Review* had incorrectly listed December 10 as the date for her meeting, Kreimer agreed to go ahead with the meeting as listed in the paper even though just a handful showed up. She also spoke on Friday morning December 16 and Saturday, December 17 so that more than 50 people were reached.

Speaking briefly about the Demographic Study, Kreimer explained that the study had been made to see whether changing enrollment patterns could be the basis for less busing. Since more communities have become integrated it was hoped that most children would be able to attend the closest school to their homes or, in cases of overcrowding, the next nearest. At the same time, 11 schools are slated to be closed, including North End. According to Kreimer, the staff would like to see the whole package accepted.

Those Greenbelters present felt that there were two problems to be looked at - the proposal to end busing and the proposal to close North End school. They should not necessarily have to be considered as one. There was concern expressed that the school board actually did not have a policy for integrating the school system. Several people felt that should such a policy be set forth after North End school is closed, Greenbelt would not only have lost a school but might still have its children bused out of the community.

North End

Despite obvious negative feelings about the plan to close North End school, those present tried to look carefully at the problems and seek out possible alternative solutions. There was agreement that these were community problems and should be looked at by the community as a whole.

A suggestion that North End might be used as a middle school was offered. It was pointed out that if grades 6, 7, and 8 were at North End, then Center, without 6th grade, would have more room. Center, presently slated to be filled to 97.7 percent of capacity, would become overcrowded should a number of students decide to return from private schools. Since there are already 9th graders in the technology program of Eleanor Roosevelt high school, it was felt that 9th graders could probably be sent there.

Kreimer explained that because of larger enrollment in the county high schools, there would not be space for 9th graders at present.

Another suggestion for use of North End was a center for handicapped children but it was pointed out that the school was not architecturally designed for handicapped as are all new buildings. A special center of another kind might be feasible: hearing, special learning problems, etc.

Kreimer pointed out that if citizens decided to appeal to the board to keep North End open, data would be needed to support their case. People seemed to feel that another up-to-date community survey might possibly be needed.

Center School

Center school's problems were also looked at. The pupils in the hearing program have become a real part of the school. Basic sign language has been taught to all pupils at Center and so the hearing and non-hearing are able to communicate with each other. The hearing program is to be continued; it was hoped that overcrowding would not push it out. Center would also lose most of its rooms for extra services. It was asked whether temporary buildings could be used to add more space.

Greenbriar

Children from Greenbriar and Glen Oaks have been added to Center for the first time this year and have become an integral part of the school. Those from Center at the meeting expressed dismay that these children were to be sent to yet another school (making it 3 schools in as many years). Also since they are Greenbelters it was hoped that they might remain in a

city school so that they would not feel alienated from the community.

If an overpass is built over the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, many of these children would be within the one mile walking distance proposed as a guideline.

Because the Greenbriar and Glen Oaks children come from an integrated development they would add to the racial integration of Center School.

Boxwood

The proposed one mile walking limit might not include parts of Boxwood and Lakeside North, said a concerned Boxwood parent who didn't want to be excluded. Boxwood parents mentioned that Boxwood is an integrated community (according to Board of Education Pupil Accounting) and so should not have to be bused for integration purposes as is done at present.

One Boxwood parent told the group that although she believed in the principle of integration, she had taken her young child out of public school and enrolled him in a private school because she felt that the long ride to John Carroll plus the half hour wait there before school started made the school day too long for him. (The children now arrive closer to starting time.) Now that he is settled, she did not want to move him again but if the proposed plan were implemented, she would have to decide where to send her younger child when that time came.

Survey

According to the survey made by the Greenbelt Citizen's Committee on School Closings, there were approximately 278 Greenbelt children of elementary school age attending private schools as of early 1977.

Feelings were divided among the participants in the discussion about whether many of these children would return to public schools if busing long distances were discontinued. However, if even part of these returned, Center school would be operating above capacity. Some felt this might necessitate keeping North End open, especially if children from other new areas of the city, such as Windsor Green, were also added to city schools. Windsor Green students now walk to Magnolia Elementary.

Others felt that the board's proposal might lead to a return of segregated schools much as they were before busing. A suggestion was made that those communities which had become integrated since busing might be given a bonus in the form of permitting the children in those communities to stay in their neighborhood schools. Predominantly white and black schools might be paired to achieve racial balance.

Springhill Lake was seen by all present to have few problems under the proposed plan.

CITY NOTES

The general crew has been doing a variety of odd jobs this week, including relocating staff within the Municipal Building and moving Greenbelt CARES from the Ridge Road Center.

The building crew spent time at the Ridge Road Center building assisting in the CARES move and cleaning for the ground breaking ceremonies. One day was spent at the Municipal Building operating the portable generator to supply electricity for the radio as the power was switched over to the new addition. Work was required in re-routing the gas line at the new addition to the Municipal Building. Wires were pulled in the conduit at the Springhill Lake Recreation center.

The leaf vacuum has been out as well as the chipper.

Council Responds To Possible Closing Of North End School

by Mary Lou Williamson

Councilman Gil Weidenfeld asked other members of Council at its December 12 meeting to consider what response they wished to make to the proposal to close North End School. The proposal, part of the Demographic Alternatives Study, was presented to the Board of Education for consideration on December 15.

Weidenfeld, who had placed the emergency item on the agenda, asked whether council wished to go on record immediately as opposing the closing of North End. The proposal, he said, was not entirely new as it had been discussed by the School Closings Task Force sponsored by the Board of Education last year. He noted the expanding population of Greenbriar, Glen Oaks and Windsor Green. Under the new study students from these areas would attend a school outside the city limits - Magnolia. Why was it, Weidenfeld wondered, that county agencies such as the school board or the elections board did not think of Greenbelt as a community? He suggested all Greenbelt children should attend Greenbelt schools. Such a plan would reduce busing and lend incentive to draw the newer integrated neighborhoods into the whole community. He asked whether it wouldn't be possible to shift students within the community if some schools are over enrolled and some are underenrolled.

Weidenfeld made note of the fact that if council waits to meet with its citizen committee on schools, action could be delayed one to two months. Was council willing to wait or should some action be taken immediately, he asked.

Councilman Thomas White said he thought this year's proposal for closing North End school was a little different from last year's. The purpose last year was economic. This year the board has added the reduction of busing and resurrection of the neighborhood school. "It is a more complex situation," he said and urged caution. "I'm not so sure a strong city motion at this time opposing the closing of North End would be taken with a great deal of credibility" by the school board. "What's really needed," he continued, "is some head knocking. We have an extremely good report from our citizen's school committee. We need to get that report on the table, evaluate it, and study what course the city should take."

Councilman Charles Schwan, who agreed with White, moved to have council meet with the school committee in a work session after January 1. The council, he said, can try to resolve what might be the best course of action and how to go about it. The motion passed unanimously.

Police Blotter

Cpl. Miskell recovered an automobile that had been reported stolen on Dec. 9 to the Prince George's County Police. He also observed a vehicle at Beltway Plaza that had been stolen from Springhill Lake two days previously. As he apprehended the vehicle two subjects fled from it. Shortly thereafter the two were apprehended by PFC Lann and Officer Craddock on the hill to the rear of the Plaza. Both were charged with unauthorized use of a vehicle, narcotics violations and one was charged with a concealed weapon. Both were incarcerated in lieu of bond.

After receiving a complaint from the manager of the A&P Store, Officer Watkins charged a 16 year old youth from Lanham with shoplifting. Juvenile Court action is pending. A 14 year old female from Waldorf and a 15 year old female resident of Greenbelt Road turned themselves in to headquarters after lookouts had been issued for them as runaways from a home in Baltimore. Both were turned over to Juvenile Services. A total of 15 other juvenile complaints were handled during the week.

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Council, Citizens Not Happy With County General Plan Amendment

by Elaine Skolnik

The Greenbelt City Council, at its regular meeting on December 12, voiced its displeasure with many aspects of the Proposed Amendment to the County's General Plan. Council directed that a statement be prepared for the public hearing at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on December 15 that would include the views expressed by council and staff and the Advisory Planning Board (APB).

Council also felt that a report written by the Environmental Study Group of the countywide Citizens Advisory Committee on the General Plan should be brought to the attention of the County Council and the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC).

The General Plan was prepared by the MNCPPC staff with the assistance of the citizens committee. The amendment, if adopted, will serve as a guide for long range policy and growth in the county for the next 20 to 30 years.

According to the planners, the proposed plan is more or less a modification of the 1964 wedges and corridors plan (the Year 2,000 plan). That plan proposed development along transportation routes in corridors radiating from the District of Columbia. Between the corridors there were wedges of open space. In the new plan the corridors are wider and more compact and call for lower densities. All development is not necessarily confined to the corridors and preservation of land is not entirely restricted to the wedges.

"Growth Centers"

Under the proposal, most regional growth would take place in special "growth centers" where public services could be provided economically. These centers would support the region's heavy investments in transit and help conserve the region's energy resources. Planners expect that pollution levels would probably be lower than currently forecast.

The revised plan does not have a timetable for growth as did the "Year 2000 Plan." It will be carried out in three stages, with "each level requiring the solution to certain environmental transportation, or public service needs in order to proceed to the next level of growth." The earlier plan did not take into account adequate environmental considerations.

Staged Growth

The first stage of the proposed plan projects the county's population at 725,000, up from the estimated 680,000 at present. Development is foreseen in the central area, with some additional development in the Laurel area.

Stage II sets a population limit of 900,000 people and will be marked by development also in the Largo, Bowie and Laurel areas. Stage III envisions 1.2 million population as the "design capacity," that is, the maximum number that can be accommodated. This is less than the ultimate 1.6 million people previously predicted for the county. The proposed plan places a strong emphasis on building more single-family rather than multi-family units, and on attracting more commercial development with supporting public facilities.

Citizen, Council Criticisms

James Cassels, a member of the countywide Citizens Advisory Committee, spoke on behalf of Environmental Study Group. Cassels told council, "We feel that environmentally the county is not ready for expansion." He thought that the General Plan gave too optimistic an assessment of the environmental effects of the staged population increase.

His group's concern, and that of APB, was whether there were adequate water supplies and storage facilities to meet long range needs. Cassels also pointed out that if the effluent from sewage treatment plants is to meet the highest standards, there would be additional costs to the taxpayers. He suggested that (1) alternate methods of handling effluent should be studied, such as land treatment, (2) there needed to be more consideration given to water quality problems coming from non-point sources such as parking lots, farms, ferti-

lization of lawns.

Councilmen Thomas White and Charles Schwan thought the environmental report impressive. Schwan said, "It raises questions which should and must be answered." White noted that the findings of the APB were supported and backed by "hard data" in the report.

White, in commenting on the plan, was particularly concerned with the adverse effect on the quality of life if the transportation elements of the General Plan were realized. "A plan such as this is a foot in the door," he said. He pointed to plans for an Outer Beltway (Intercounty connection), an extended and widened Kenilworth Avenue, and an expanded Baltimore-Washington Parkway. "Many of these roads are just in the feasibility stage," he said, "The plan would almost put them in concrete." Council and APB have opposed these proposals in the past.

White also felt that the plan "should be speaking strongly of alternate sources of solid waste disposal."

A Step Backwards

Schwan thought that the policy of having 84% of all new housing single family units would be a "step backwards" since "a large number of external services would be required. . . . We aren't going to have that kind of energy to work with forever. . . . One of these days we will come to a point when it will be required public policy to promote multi-family townhouse and condominium development to conserve our energy resources."

Schwan was chagrined that the general plan made no reference to municipal governments and ignored municipal boundaries by dividing Greenbelt into two areas (#8 Greenbelt and Berwyn Heights and #7 Greenbelt.)

Concern With Goals

The APB was concerned about the order in which the goals were set forth in the General Plan. APB feels that emphasis should be placed on goals "such as effective utilization of natural and energy resources, protection of environment and improvements in the quality of neighborhoods" rather than goals "such as improving the quality of development, the need to play a role in regional development and the goal of providing a favorable climate for business, industry and agriculture."

APB also favored the city's having a "decision making authority" on whether parkland should be dedicated in new subdivisions within its borders, or alternatives accepted in lieu of dedication.

ERHS Announces National Honor Society Inductees

Twelve seniors at Eleanor Roosevelt High School were inducted into the National Honor Society on Friday, December 2. The 12 are the charter members of Roosevelt's chapter of the National Honor Society.

At a special assembly students were honored by the presence of guest speaker Congresswoman Gladys Spellman. Students from Frederick Douglas High School conducted the induction ceremony.

New members were selected on the basis of having demonstrated their abilities in scholarship, leadership, character, and service. A grade point average of 3.4 or above for the past 3 years was required for consideration. Qualifications in the other 3 areas were equally high.

New members are: Kay Davis, Sarah Kelley, Janet Lewis, and Jennifer Nisenhoff all of Greenbelt, and Kim Moran, Kim Maughn, Lynne Davis, Michael Julius, Nancy Hembree, Scott Vallenti, Pam Querry, and Tina White.

1977 was a year of significant events for Greenbelt, highlighted by the celebration of our city's fortieth birthday and culminated by the ground-breaking for the new housing for the elderly facility—Greenbelt's largest public project to date.

While we look back with pride at our accomplishments, the City Council, the 41 citizen members of Greenbelt's advisory boards and committees, and the 143 full and part time city employees continue to look to the future and the solution of problems that remain unresolved or which may develop. The support and assistance of the many fine citizens that make Greenbelt a special community is, as always, greatly appreciated.

To all, a joyous holiday season and a happy, healthful and prosperous New Year.

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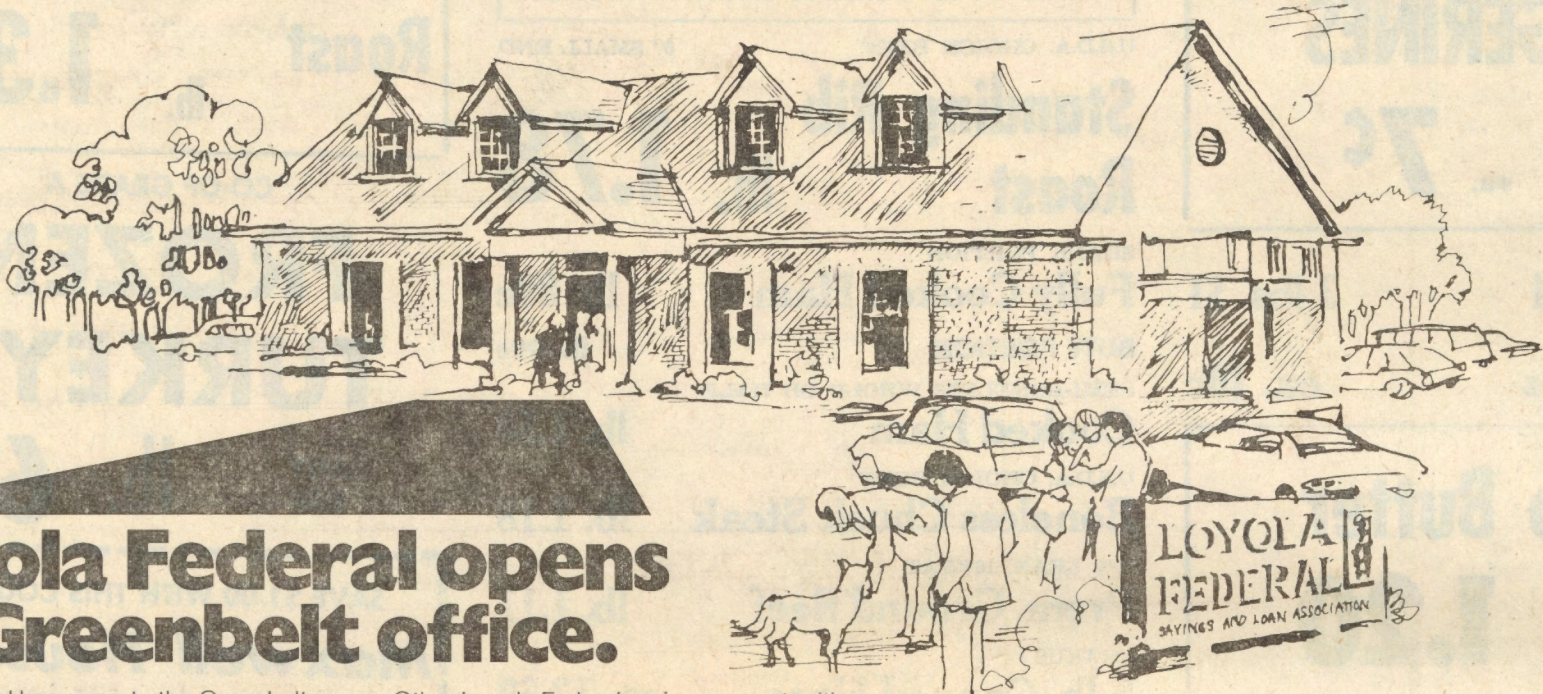
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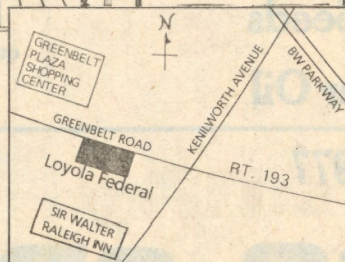
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Library Introduces Fines

Fines for overdue library books will be introduced in January by the Prince Georges County Memorial Library System, according to Director William R. Gordon. Fines will be charged for adult and young adult catalogued books and library materials beginning with those items checked out the first week of January, due Jan. 23, 1978. The fine will be 10c per item per day the library is open (excluding Sundays and library holidays) up to a maximum of \$5 per item. There will be a three-day grace period beyond the due date during which no fines will be charged. Fines will not be charged for children's or uncatalogued materials. The fine of \$1 per day per item, not to exceed the price of the film, for an overdue framed picture or film will remain unchanged.

A fine of 25c per item, per stop, will be charged for adult and young adult catalogued material returned to Bookmobiles. Maximum fine is \$5 per item. There is a fine of \$1 for a lost Date Computer Transaction Card.

Cooperation in returning books and library materials on time would be appreciated as another patron may be waiting to use them.

Recreation Review

Open Gyms

Following is a schedule of other open gyms in the area:
Greenbelt Junior High School - Sundays 2-6 p.m.
Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School - Sundays 6-10 p.m.

Youth Center and SHL Holiday Hours

Due to the Christmas Holiday, the Greenbelt Recreation Center will extend their hours to the public. Facilities will be open on the following schedule: Dec. 23, 24 - 12 noon - 11 p.m., Dec. 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 - 12 noon - 10 p.m., Dec. 30 - 12 noon - 11 p.m., Dec. 31 - 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Jan. 1 and 2 - 12 noon - 10 p.m.

Teen Topics

The KAVA Teen Club will highlight the Christmas holidays with a Ski Trip to Ski Liberty in Fairfield, Pa. on Thurs., Dec. 29. Deadline for registration will be Tues., Dec. 27. The bus will leave the Youth Center parking lot promptly at 4 p.m. and return at approximately midnight. All interested teens are invited and can sign up at the Youth Center. A fee will be charged. For further fee information, contact the Recreation Dept. at 474-6878.

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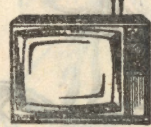
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They also will be closed on the following Mon., Jan. 2, 1978 in observance of New Year's Day.

Our Neighbors

Congratulations to Sharon Alfaro who graduated from the University of Maryland on Dec. 19 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. It took years for this housewife and mother (eleven years to be exact) to reach this point. Now her goal is to find a position as an Earth Science teacher.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William Botts, 4R Gardenway, who celebrate their sixty-second wedding anniversary on Dec. 24.

William and Robert Falter, sons of Mr. and Mrs. David Falter of Hanover Parkway, received their Bachelor of Science degrees from the University of Maryland on Dec. 19.

Francis W. White, who is currently Chairman of PG County Council, was elected as one of the Vice Presidents of COG.

Greenbelt's Library

Drop-In Stories continues on Dec. 29, with an activity-filled half hour for ages 3-5 at 2 p.m. in the Children's Program Room.

On Wed., Dec. 28 the library features a "School's Out" Film special for ages 6-12. The presentations "Amazing Cosmic Awareness of Duffy Moon" and "Laughing Gravy", a Laurel and Hardy film, begin at 2 p.m. in the Children's Program Room.

Recommendations Sought On Water and Sewage Plan

Prince George's County Executive Winfield M. Kelly, Jr. is in the process of preparing the Ten Year Water and Sewerage Plan for FY 1978-88 for submission to the County Council on March 15, 1978.

Anyone wishing to recommend revisions and requests for system area changes can do so by writing to the Dept. of Program Planning and Economic Development no later than Dec. 30, 1977.

For additional information, contact the Department of Program Planning and Economic Development at 952-3440 for assistance.

City Statement on a Proposed Amendment To the General Plan for Prince George's Co.

Mr. Chairman, Members of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Prince George's County District Council:

The Greenbelt City Council and its Advisory Planning Board have received and discussed the proposed Amendment to the General Plan. This is, however, a very extensive document and the amount of time for review between the time the plan document was released and this public hearing has been minimal.

Our review indicates that there are many aspects of the plan that are cause for concern. We are particularly concerned that adoption of this plan will result in sweeping decisions affecting the future of this County being made without most residents and elected officials really understanding the impact of the contents of the plan.

An example of the impact resulting from adopting this plan can be easily seen by reading paragraph 9 and page 141 which begins with the statement that: "It is proposed that the highway and rapid transit recommendations shown in the Proposed Amendment supercede all previous plans related to these functions."

By adopting this plan, therefore, the Outer Beltway or Intercounty Connector which is presently undergoing a feasibility analysis once again becomes an entrenched plan and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway becomes a possibility for widening to eight lanes when lesser improvements are now receiving the most serious consideration. The plan also provides for the extension of Kenilworth Avenue as a four to six lane major highway from the Beltway to Sandy Spring Road, a proposal the necessity for which the City Council has questioned in the past without receiving satisfactory answers.

The City Council has also reviewed the Report of the Environmental Study Group of the Citizens Advisory Committee. We urge your careful review of this extensive report which raises a number of questions relating to how the proposed General Amendment deals with environmental quality matters. Water, energy supplies and environmental protection are important elements in any future plans for this County. We applaud that action of the Plan which points to the need for developing both expanded water supplies and new technology for controlling and reducing per capita consumption.

However, less definitive strategies are put forth for energy conservation and alternatives to solid waste disposal. A re-examination of these issues seems to be warranted and might, for example, lead to a different conclusion than trying to become the equal of Fairfax and Montgomery Counties by having 84% of all new housing in the County constructed as single family units. Such homes are the most energy inefficient, utilizing more energy consumption for heating, for transportation, for construction, etc. In looking to the future, other housing forms may be superior.

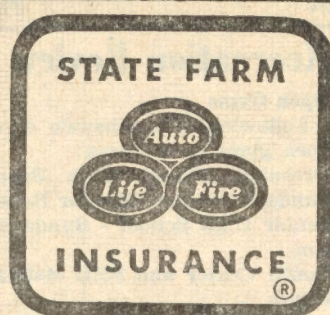
Another concern is the manner in which goals are set forth at the beginning of the document. They imply a greater concern with the planning for growth and development to levels of 725,000, 900,000 and 1.2 million people than with the quality of life. For example, goals such as improving the quality of development, the need to play a role in regional development and the providing of a favorable climate for business, industry and agriculture precede goals for the effective utilization of natural and energy resources, the protection of the environment and the improvement of the quality of neighborhoods.

Therefore, we urge extensive, careful and thorough consideration of this many-faceted planning document prior to any actions of approval being taken.

The City Council is also most distressed to find that municipalities do not exist in this proposal. They are not mentioned. The plan sets up arbitrary communities that ignore the realities of existing, established communities. The document even goes so far as to list all members of the Council of Governments except Maryland municipalities. We can assure you that Greenbelt and other municipalities are a part of the future of Prince George's County and the ignoring of these entities in the General Plan will not make them disappear.

With the printed copies of these comments we are including copies of our Citizen Advisory Planning Board report on the General Plan Amendment. It makes a number of other comments concerning the plan which we endorse as worthy of consideration.

The City Council applauds the undertaking of this effort to look toward the future of our County. With due consideration and full understanding of the proposals made, we look forward to the adoption of a comprehensive new plan that will serve the present and future citizens of the County well and help to bring a new quality of life to the County.



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